

Whereas, upon occasion the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize a young citizen who has excelled through participation in the Royal Ranger program; and

Whereas, on November 9, 2003, the Royal Ranger program at Seneca Assembly of God Church in Seneca, Missouri, will hold an award ceremony to recognize Matthew Steven “Matt” Wilkes for his success in earning the Gold Medal of Achievement, the highest award in the Assembly of God Royal Ranger program; and

Whereas, a member of Royal Ranger Outpost 237, Matt has been trained in practical application of Godly principles in order to reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ; and

Whereas, to earn the Gold Medal of Achievement, the Assembly of God’s Royal Ranger program requires young men like Matt to complete a total of twenty-one merits, such as Safety, CPR, Camping, Citizenship, Survival, Bible, and Christian Service; and

Whereas, during his nine years in the Royal Ranger program, Matt has enriched his life immeasurably by participating in a wide variety of activities such as attending the Southern Missouri District Pow Wow, the National Junior Leadership Training Camp, and five Royal Ranger Advancement Academies; and

Whereas, Matt’s Royal Ranger honors and recognitions include earning three Gold Buffalo Awards and membership in the Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship; and

Whereas, Matt Wilkes is adequately prepared for the challenges of the adult world because of the guidance and training he has received as a Royal Ranger:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Matt Wilkes for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the Gold Medal of Achievement and in expressing appreciation to his parents, the Reverend Gary and Donna Wilkes, and his sister, Rachel, for their loving support and continuous encouragement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Royal Ranger Matthew Steven Wilkes.

Offered by _____
Representative Kevin Wilson
District No. 130

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4277, adopted September 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker